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Cal Poly's first student-run Farmer's Market will be open for three hours every Saturday

Poly students are developing a taste for business

By Monica Phillips
Daily Staff Writer

Student entrepreneurs are getting a taste of what it's like to run a weekly Farmer's Market by selling fresh produce, dairy products and flowers grown at Cal Poly.

The student-run market — originally scheduled to be biweekly — has increased its frequency to every Saturday, at least for

the month of March, due to high public interest. The venture started as a monthly program last November for Parent's Weekend.

Ellen Brack, an Ornamental Horticulture Unit technician who organized the first market in November, said the organizing committee hasn't decided on the hours for future months.

The student Farmer's Market takes place on Highland Drive next to the Crop Science Unit on Saturdays from 10 to 1 p.m. A wide variety of farm fresh produce, citrus trees, cut flowers, garden and house plants, compost, dairy products, jams, jellies and gift packs are available.

Cal Poly's "learn-by-doing" philosophy has en-

couraged students to grow, harvest, process, package, market and distribute everything sold at the market.

The event is sponsored by the College of Agriculture, which has clubs and individuals that participate in the planning of the event.

Environmental horticulture senior Kevin Krol, treasurer for the Or-

namental Horticulture (OH) Club, said he is pleased with the results of the event. Krol said the club makes over \$100 each time they participate. The OH Club, which has about 70 members, sends between two and four volunteers every week.

The club sells foliage plants to fund their

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Heaven, hell and Hypertext

William Blake meant his works to be seen, not just read. But he probably never dreamed how that might happen.

By Derek Aney
Daily Staff Writer

The marriage of technology and art is making it possible to study "The Marriage of Heaven and Hell," in a new graduate level English class being offered spring quarter.

The art of William Blake is the subject of the experimental class that takes advantage of computer technology to study artwork that normally is not available to students.

"Blake was one of the major English poets but by far most of his work was produced not just to be read in print," said Steven Marx, the English professor who is teaching the class.

According to Marx, most English departments study the poetry of Blake in part due to the simplicity of the format.

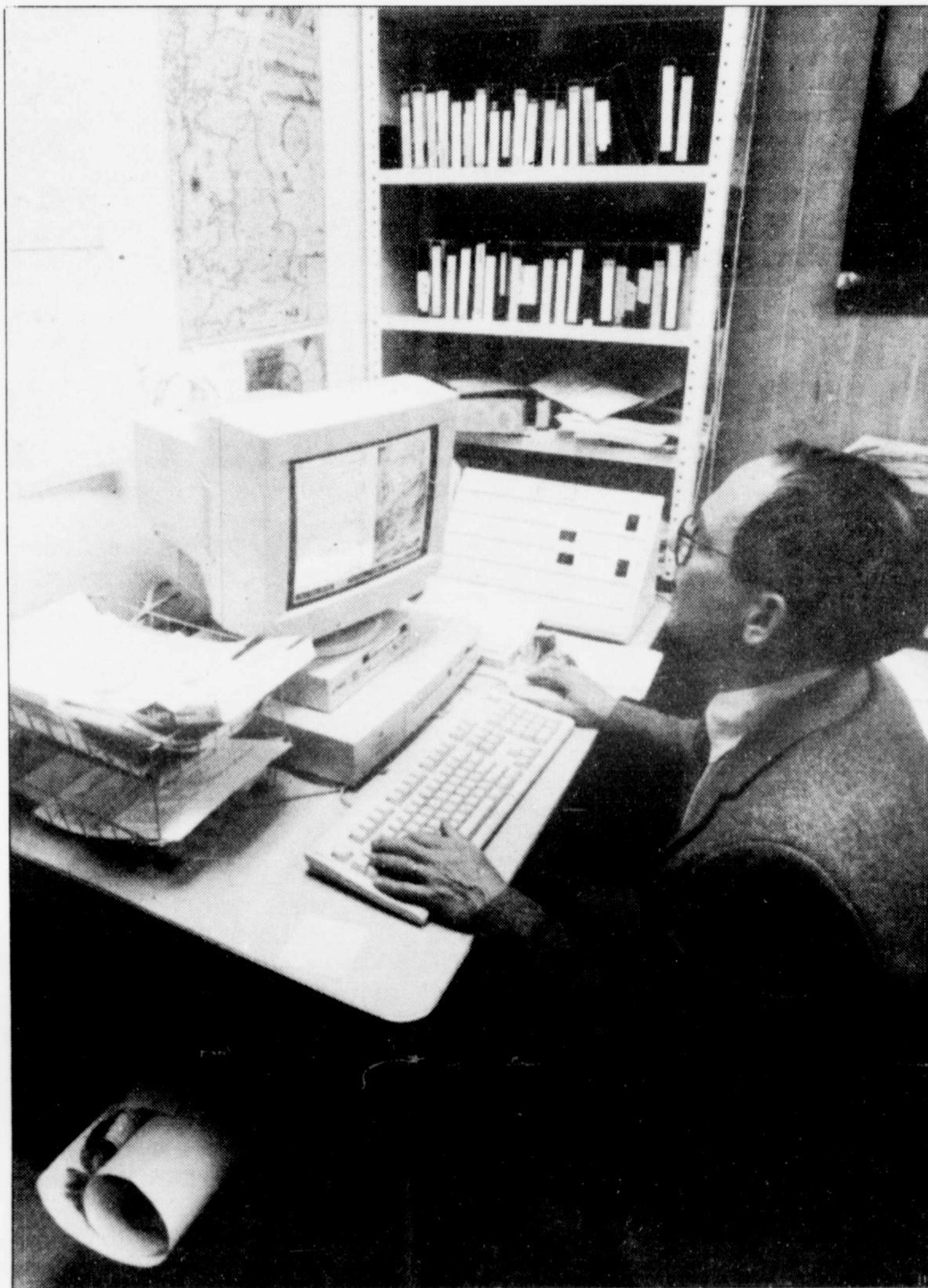
"He meant his work to be visionary in the sense that the words were always embedded in illustrations," he said.

"The work is relatively inaccessible to students in (plate) form because the editions of Blake that are available are quite expensive and hard to find," Marx said. "The capacities of multimedia solve a lot of these problems."

The series of plates which makes up "The Marriage of Heaven and Hell" has been copied with a scanner into a Hypertext document on a computer, which enables the user to explore various parts of each complex plate.

Hypertext is used by programmers to let users click on items on the screen to retrieve additional information on that subject.

General commentaries on each plate and its illustrations are available with a click of the mouse, as are enlarged images of



Cal Poly English professor Steven Marx works on his new multi-media program which depicts the work of poet William Blake / Daily photo by Gordon Wong

the illustrations to allow scrutiny of the detail work.

"You can also set the plates side by side (on the screen) to compare them, which is important because Blake meant these plates to be seen as a sequence," Marx said.

Students who enroll in the class will first be assigned to get to know the program, before contribut-

ing comments to it and eventually creating their own documents later in the quarter.

"The end product that I envision is that by the end of the quarter we are going to have quite a range of editions that we will have produced together," Marx said.

"Then because of the possibilities of Hypertext, we will be able to in-

tegrate them into one very large document which we can put on World Wide Web or CD," he said.

World Wide Web is a global information network that enables Hypertext distribution of graphics, text and sound.

Professor Doug Smith helped to write the software for the class, but was not available to talk about it.

VGs will remain closed to students during weekends

By Mario Mihelcic
Special to the Daily

Many Cal Poly students who were surprised to find Vista Grande Cafe closed during weekends this quarter will have to live without it next quarter as well.

According to Alan Cushman, associate Campus Dining director, there are no plans to reopen the cafe — commonly called VGs — during weekends for the rest of the year.

Unlike fall quarter — when VGs was open on weekends — Campus Dining Management Council decided to close VGs this quarter on Fridays and Saturdays, and during lunch on Sundays.

The decision to close VGs was finalized in the first week of December, Cushman said, after the Management Council realized Campus Dining was going to lose more money than it had budgeted to lose.

"From a financial standpoint, it was such that Campus Dining is not meeting our budget projections and we are responsible to do so," Cushman said.

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Alan Cushman

Associate Campus Dining director

Foundation's mid-term financial records from last quarter showed that Campus Dining lost \$390,304 — \$50,356 more than their projected loss of \$339,948.

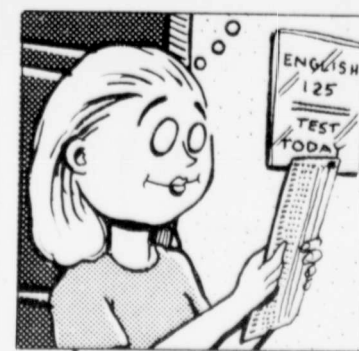
Because of the costs of keeping more than one dining area open during the weekend, Campus Dining officials opted to close VGs, Cushman said.

He added that VGs was never budgeted to be open on the weekends. Rather, the Management Council opened VGs during weekends last quarter due to an expected increase of students living in the residence halls. They expected Campus Dining would make more than projected.

"We were wrong," said Cushman.

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AGENDA
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15 school days left in term.

TODAY'S WEATHER:

Mostly cloudy

Expected high/low: 63/52

Introduction to Aikido: A Four-Session Seminar

Learn some physical moves, get centered, practice harmony and have fun in a supportive, non-competitive environment. The class will meet every Monday in March from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. \$25 covers fees for all sessions. Classes are held at the Self Defense and Empowerment Training Center. Call 544-8866 or 995-1124 to pre-enroll or for more information.

TODAY

United We Stand America Meeting

San Luis Obispo Mayor Allen Settle will explain what he hopes to accomplish as mayor, San Luis Obispo City/County Library, 3-5 p.m. — 541-4515 or 489-2354

Financial Seminar • "Looking for Tax Free Income" lecture, San Luis Obispo City/County Library, 995 Palm St., 7-9 p.m. — 781-2229

WEDNESDAY

International Women's Day

There will be a series of speakers and a panel of international students today and tomorrow.

Engineering Council Meeting • U.U. 220, 5 p.m.

Native American Student Organization Meeting • Multicultural Center, 5-6 p.m. — 756-4641

Mr. Fraternity Competition

Sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi, the competition is to help raise money for the Arthritis Research Grants Foundation. Ticket cost is \$6. The event starts at 6 p.m. at the Graduate

Journalism Professor to Read Poetry

Pulitzer-prize winning journalist Victor Valle will read from his poetry, Bldg. 3-204, 7 p.m.

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Fueling the Controversy

Despite recent

attacks on abortion clinics,

pro-choice activists

have vowed to press on.

But

those who oppose

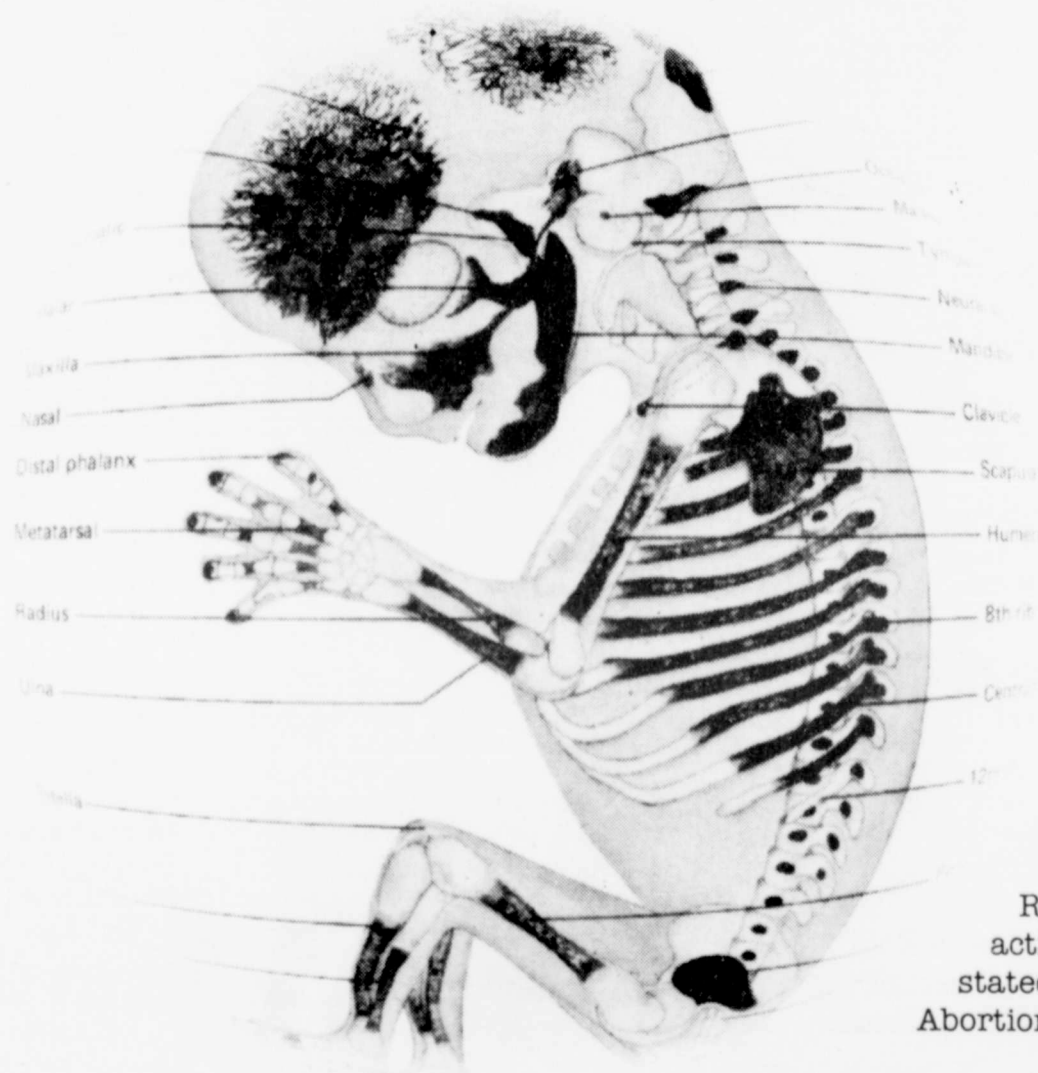
abortion

are equally committed to

promoting their cause

By Karen E. Spaeder

Daily Staff Writer



Crowds of Farmer's Market consumers milled past the two tables on Higuera Street Thursday, some of them perusing the literature and bumper stickers laid out.

The tables were not more than 100 feet apart, yet the chasm between them was unmistakable.

Two National Organization for Women (NOW) members distributed pamphlets that read, "Who Cares About Women's Rights? NOW Cares!" Meanwhile, two pro-life activists countered that with pamphlets that stated, "What They Won't Tell You at the Abortion Clinic."

In the wake of several recent attacks on abortion clinics throughout the state, pro-choice and pro-life activists agree on at least one thing: abortion currently ranks high on the list of hot topics.

This is particularly true in San Luis Obispo, where police and federal officials believe a fire which destroyed much of the interior at the Planned Parenthood clinic on Santa Rosa Street Feb. 15 may have been deliberately set.

The embers are still cooling, and activists on both sides are now attempting to defend their movements. Other clinic attacks throughout California have only helped fuel the fire.

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Controversy surrounds Pushkin Museum show of trophy art

By Candice Hughes
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia put art treasures plundered from Nazi Germany on display Monday, saying they had been "saved twice" — once by the Red Army and again by the museums that guarded the secret horde for 50 years.

The 63 paintings now softly glowing on the walls of the Pushkin Museum span seven centuries and such luminaries of art as El Greco, Goya, Cranach, Degas, Renoir, Daumier and Manet.

Some are from public or private collections in Germany. Others are from the collections of two prominent Jewish families in prewar Hungary. More than a third are described as "origin unknown."

The works are but a tiny fraction of the more than 2 million art objects the victorious Soviets took from Germany as war trophies.

Although looting went both ways, the defeated Germans had to return their booty. The Soviets, however, hid theirs in secret museum repositories.

Long rumored, the existence

of the vast cache was confirmed a few years ago. Now pre-war owners want their art back.

Most of the works haven't been seen in 50 years; some were thought lost forever.

Pushkin Museum director Irina Antonova, who spent much of her career guarding the secret, described Soviet trophy-taking as "an act of heroism" that preserved priceless treasures.

"The first time they were saved by Soviet soldiers. The second time by our restorers and art historians," she told a news conference.

A German Embassy spokes-

man, Rainhold Frickhinger, sharply disagreed. "They didn't need to be 'rescued,'" he said.

The show is controversial on several counts. The Pushkin is displaying art from Jewish collectors — victims, not aggressors in the war. Secretive to the end, the Pushkin sprang the show on Germany and the world without warning. And it restored delicate works of disputed ownership.

"We think that without the consent of the legitimate owner, you should not touch works of art. You also should not exhibit them without consent," Frickhinger said.

But the greatest controversy is the fate of the works. Germany insists all trophy art must be returned under international law and treaties with both the Soviet Union and Russia.

Russia, which has not revealed the full extent of its trophy art holdings, is stalling. Both Antonova and Deputy Culture Minister Mikhail Shvidkoi said it is up to the Russian parliament to decide what to do with wartime booty.

"It's impossible to forget the total destruction of Russian culture in the war," Shvidkoi said.



Aeronautical engineering freshman Stefanie Arey stocks up on food at Vista Grande Cafe / Daily photo by Juan Martinez

VISTA GRANDE: Weekend closure will boost Lighthouse earnings

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However, Foundation's financial records show that VGs made \$357,850 more than its projected budget of \$364,852. Meanwhile, the Lighthouse made \$347,228 less than its projected budget of \$1,502,742.

The Lighthouse's largest financial loss came from meal plans because residents were eating at VGs — instead of the Lighthouse — during the fall quarter.

Campus Dining was faced with having to pay the operating costs of both VGs and the Lighthouse during weekends, while still making the same amount of money they did with just having Lighthouse open.

In the past, there was not enough money to keep VGs open during weekends due to the low number of students living in the residence halls. But VGs opened on weekends last year while the

University Dining Complex, now the Lighthouse, was being remodeled.

Before deciding to close VGs during weekends, Campus Dining considered other alternatives. One option was to eliminate the cafe's Late Nite hours, which last from 8 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. However, Cushman said that due to Late Nite's popularity among residents, that option was eliminated.

The other alternative was to close the Lighthouse during weekends instead of VGs. Campus Dining had tried that a few years ago, but the results were negative.

"Within two weeks we went back the other way," Cushman said.

The general feeling among residents is disappointment. "I don't like it," said industrial engineering freshman Michael

Shimazv. "I wish it was open over the weekend because it helps you use all your meals — plus it is close to the dorms."

Other students prefer VGs to the Lighthouse.

"(VGs) is convenient," said agriculture science freshman Tricia Stever. "The food is a little more tolerable than Lighthouse. We would really enjoy having this open on the weekends."

ASI also has become involved. Matt Schafer, a student liaison with the university, said an ASI representative has begun talking to the Campus Dining Advisory Committee to see if it would be possible to reopen VGs during weekends — even though Campus Dining has no plans to reopen the cafe.

"We are very concerned about this," Schafer said. "It doesn't seem right to close a residence hall establishment and leave only one choice to students."

MARKET: A class project has turned into an opportunity for students

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banquets, club socials and other events. According to Krol, the volunteers start setting up for the event at 9 a.m. and clean up after the crowd leaves until 2 p.m.

Krol said the club is excited to get involved with the project every week.

"It gets our club name out on campus and helps us with our fundraising," he said.

"The new program was initiated as a project for an agbusiness class and evolved into something really successful," said agricultural science graduate student Laura Cooper. She is also the president of Sustainable Agriculture, a group which runs the student experimental farm on campus.

Cooper said she is happy with the opportunity the market gives

students. Sustainable Agriculture allows students to grow produce on a two acre farm. The market enhances students' knowledge of marketing their own products, she said.

"(Farmer's Market) gives enterprise project students the opportunity to move beyond harvesting and production phases to marketing and distribution," said Farmer's Market manager Gina Napolitano in a press release. Enterprise projects enable to students to plan the entire process of growing a crop, from planting to selling.

"In the past, we've had a hard time getting products through the distribution phase," Napolitano said.

Farmer's Market was created as an outlet for distribution with less overhead cost than other farmer's markets in the county.

Students may register for one to four units through the hands-on enterprise project.

"Students decide on a crop, develop a plan and a budget — selling is the hardest thing," Brack said.

The students keep two-thirds of the profits and one-third goes to Foundation for use of the facilities and instructional support, she said.

"It's a job, besides a class," Brack said. "That's how (students) earn their money to stay in school."

The recent rainy weather has slowed down the rush of people that attended the first Farmer's Market, but Brack said she expects the crowds to swell again when the sun comes out.

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EDITORIAL

Students and faculty learn abroad

The best way to learn a language, a culture — or just about anything — is to experience it for yourself. This is the concept behind Cal Poly's "learn by doing" motto, and it's encouraging to see that various campus programs are working to carry it out.

Last Thursday's Mustang Daily reported on the Cal Poly Pacific Rim Group's efforts to send students to Thailand. In addition to providing a student exchange program, the group sends faculty to various programs throughout Japan, Thailand and islands in the Pacific Ocean.

Other Cal Poly programs provide opportunities around the world for students to learn in other countries. For example, every spring quarter, students have the option to study in London. Cal Poly sends both students and faculty on this program, giving students the opportunity to learn from Cal Poly professors in a different environment.

Students can even get Cal Poly credit for these learning experiences abroad.

We applaud such programs for keeping Cal Poly students competitive in the global marketplace. These programs truly exemplify our philosophy of "learn by doing."

Walch created a friendly library

Of all those who bear the title "Dean" on this campus, he's probably the one students would be least likely to recognize in a crowd. And apparently, that's how David Walch, dean of library services, likes it.

After 15 years in charge of the Robert E. Kennedy Library, Walch has announced he's had enough of administrative duties; he said he wants to go back to "a profession that I love and hold dearly — that is being a librarian."

It's an honorable decision, exemplifying the kind of dedication students have become familiar with from Cal Poly's library staff.

The toughest thing about Walch leaving will be filling his position. With the rest of the school, Kennedy Library has suffered repeatedly from the blows of budget cuts in recent years. At this time, especially, we need a strong leader to maintain this invaluable resource, despite its plummeting budget.

But it's a position that isn't just about juggling the bottom line. What the library has lost in terms of resources and open hours, it has made up for with a human touch unrivaled anywhere else on campus.

Walch seems to have fostered an environment where emphasis is placed on serving students. We hope whoever replaces him will do the same.

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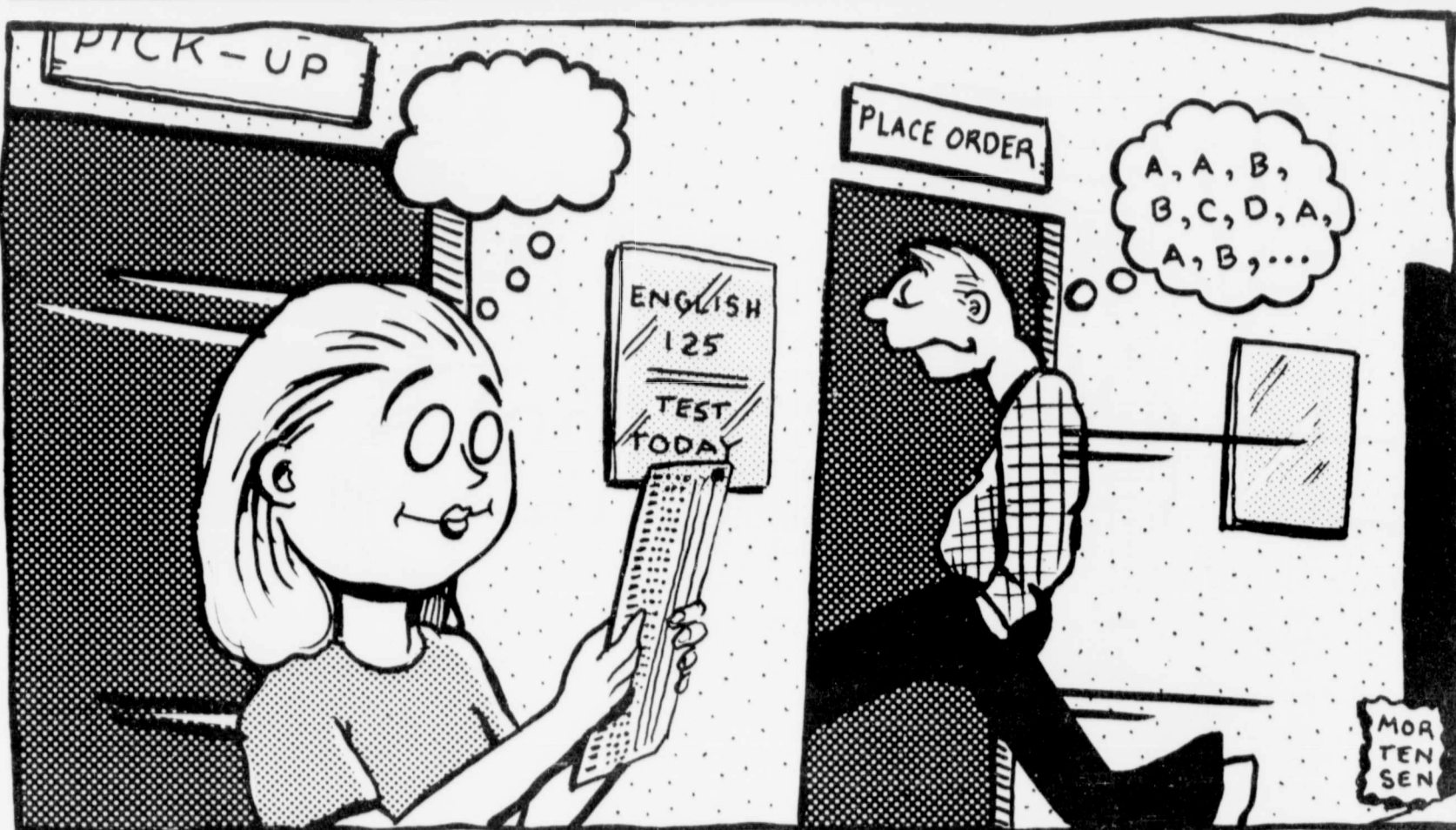
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COMMENTARY



Just mark 'c' — and forget it the next day

By Jamie Grant

Question: The Cal Poly motto is...

- a. learn by doing
- b. learn by cheating
- c. learn by guessing
- d. learn nothing

"Of course it's 'learn by doing,'" answer the hopeful administrators.

But are we really learning by doing? The current situation appears more aligned to the latter three choices of learning: cheating, guessing and nothing. And while this shift may shock our beloved administrators, it's nothing new to the student targets who are being affected by the upheaval of their education. This unheralded shift to these alternative modes of teaching is a direct consequence of one thing: The Scantron Revolution — the revolution that sent students combing textbooks for insignificant trivia and sent the teachers to their easy chairs to watch the machines work for them.

"Make sure you use a number-two pencil," are the words being echoed across Cal Poly classrooms. We are being cheated by the same system that, coincidentally, accuses us, the Generation X-ers, of being the lackadaisical, unmotivated products of this defunct society. But how many times are Cal Poly students given the same test their teachers have used repeatedly every quarter for their entire tenure?

Multiple-choice teaching, as it should be referred to, eliminates a vital ingredient of learning: feedback. We have become a right or wrong entity, unable to critically explain our solutions or verify any alternatives. Testing has become an exercise in trivial trickery: a, b, one of the above, two of the above, all of the above, or none of the above. Come on — who are we trying to fool?

Guessing our way through an education with a tent slip of paper and a piece of lead has become a baffling trend that has somehow given Cal Poly a reputation of preparing students for the work place. Doing what, we ask? Perhaps we're just good at filling in the option-bubbles on job application forms, or maybe we just return to Cal Poly as teachers and punch holes for our own bubble tests.

"Ah, good work there, professor; I see you've added more options to your test: c. none of the above, f. no

opinion."

I suppose the question we must ask is: Are we learning anything from these experiences? I don't think so. From my experience, studying for multiple-choice tests is studying for recognition; I read the question and look for the familiar word in the given context. We are not taught to learn the material, but instead, to recognize the key words. It thus becomes an exercise in memorization using the short-term memory rather than a task of understanding and long-term comprehension.

Here at Cal Poly, teachers and administrators alike consistently criticize students' overall inability to write. Questioning the general failure of students with the Graduate Writing Requirement has become a favorite pastime of our critics. The same critics watch as Scantron sales and profits explode through the roof in the university bookstore. Doesn't anyone see the correlation between the two?

Having said all this, I should note that there are many teachers at Cal Poly that devote a lot of time and energy into meeting student needs and demands. The problem is these teachers are a minority. The general excuse for Scantron exams is that budget cuts have limited the supply of teachers and increased class sizes. Teachers, therefore, cannot find the time to grade essays or written exams.

Still, we should keep in mind that the aim of teaching is for the teacher to teach and for the students to learn. If class sizes are too large, then hire some student graders or find the time to grade papers; there's no reason why the students' education at Cal Poly should suffer due to the overall idleness of the staff.

I think this multiple-testing phase can be best summed up by a conversation I overheard last week: "Critical Thinking (ENGL 125) is easy — you either fill in 'c' or just mark 'true'."

Sadly, unless someone is prepared to pull the plug on the frantic scribbling on bubble exams, Cal Poly is bubble crazy.

Jamie Grant is a biological sciences senior.

LETTERS

Not all Catholics are phonies

re: "The Catholic checkbook charade," Feb. 24

As I opened up the paper and read Mario Perotti's article on February 24, I saw red. He said he had "rejected religion." Fine. Not everyone can relate to a religion or want to accept one. I don't have a problem with that. But I do have a problem with his generalizations and subjective comments about the Catholic religion.

You saw "over half the congregation" writing in their checkbooks. There is something called the offertory (which you would have learned about had you paid attention in Sunday School) where members of the congregation — not just Catholics — give money to the church so that, in turn, priests can help the needy. Remember them? Priests have dedicated their lives to help others, whether they be less fortunate than us or not. For instance, they create soup kitchens for the poor and homeless to give them a hot meal at least once a week.

If you had a problem with Catholicism, why couldn't you have approached a priest or minister? They may have been able to answer your questions and advise you, and you wouldn't have made such accusations and "con-

clusions" as you did.

I believe in God and Jesus Christ, and I believe that faith in God is the most powerful thing that can affect a person's life. Jesus died for us. He gave up his life because we sinned, and were sinners. He wasn't showing off, or trying to prove to his buddies that he was a true man. He died quietly for us, because he loved us.

I go to church every Sunday, not because I want to make a show of being Catholic and having something others don't, but because I want to make myself a better person and ask Jesus for answers and guidance. I want to better my life to be able to help other people, not to better myself "in the eyes of the rest of the world."

Don't call me a phony. Your experience with the Catholic church may not have been advantageous for you, but don't make an uninformed conclusion based on one experience. Try other churches or religions, and maybe you will find one for you. As for me, I'm Catholic and proud of it.

Elizabeth Kodamski
Mathematics freshman

Wilson tries to downplay presidential speculation

By Doug Willis
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Pete Wilson did all he could during last weekend's Republican state convention to dampen speculation that he may run for president. But that doesn't mean Wilson isn't still thinking about running in 1996.

There were no Wilson-for-president signs or buttons. Wilson made no reference, even indirectly, to his presidential ambitions during his Saturday convention speech. His staff canceled a scheduled news conference at which presidential questions inevitably would have been raised.

At first glance, that's a reversal of signals for Wilson.

In December, he first raised the possibility of running as a favorite-son candidate in California's presidential primary next March.

Wilson moved a step further in two nationally televised interviews in recent weeks, saying it "would be wonderful to have that responsibility (of the presidency) someday," and that he was "pleased that a lot of people have made the flattering assumption I should think seriously about it."

He had good reason to switch signals at his party's state convention, because that was one of the spots in California where open hostility to a Wilson candidacy is strongest.

First of all, the convention delegates were the Republican who helped raised \$26 million for Wilson's re-election campaign last year to keep the governor's office in GOP hands for another four years.

The prospect of Wilson running for president in 1996 enrages many of those party activists because, if Wilson were elected president or vice president, he would have to turn over the governor's office to Democratic Lt. Gov. Gray Davis.

That's one reason why Wilson did so poorly in a presidential straw poll of convention delegates, in which only 14 percent favored him for president.

A second reason for Wilson to downplay his presidential ambitions at his state party convention is that even though he has just won a second term as governor and is the official leader of the California Republican Party, he has never been popular among the kinds of political activists who are elected or appointed as delegates to state GOP conven-

tions.

As a group, they are far more conservative than rank-and-file Republican voters, and they view Wilson's moderate politics with deep suspicion.

Delegates tarred and feathered an effigy of Wilson at an earlier state GOP convention for raising taxes. Some of that same sentiment was evident during this past weekend, as so-called "Wilson barf bags" appeared prior to his speech Saturday.

"When Gov. Pete Wilson speaks during dinner, you will probably gag and become overwhelmed with nausea. Use the Wilson Barf Bag," the instructions said, citing his support of earlier tax increases, abortion rights, restrictions on guns and other issues opposed by conservatives.

Another reason for Wilson to downplay his presidential prospects last weekend was that anything short of an outright declaration was certain to be overshadowed by Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, the GOP's only formally declared candidate, who concluded his national announcement tour at the convention.

But Wilson still potentially advanced his presidential hopes during his party's convention.

By endorsing a 1996 ballot initiative that would repeal California's affirmative action laws, Wilson laid claim to an issue that could have strong appeal among Republican voters, and Wilson clearly cast it in national terms in his convention address.

"Just as with Proposition 187 (the 1994 anti-illegal alien initiative), let the people of California lead the way in ending unfairness and the festering resentment which it has bred," Wilson said. "It is time we end discrimination against all Americans. Let us begin to undo the corrosive unfairness of reverse discrimination."

While his press secretary, Sean Walsh, repeated the official line, "He is not a candidate," other Wilson political aides were criticizing Gramm's performance.

"It was kind of hard-edged. I don't know how that will play in California," said Dan Schnur, who was Wilson's campaign spokesman last year and is now officially not connected with the governor.

Clinton makes child-support evaders pay

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton ordered a crackdown Monday on federal workers who dodge their child support obligations, warning the deadbeats, "We will find you. We will catch you. We will make you pay."

The executive order he signed will make the federal government "a model employer in the area of child-support enforcement," Clinton pledged.

His administration estimates that 105,000 federal workers, including 74,000 in military jobs, are avoiding child support or efforts to establish their paternity. The executive order:

—Requires federal agencies to scour their personnel or payroll files annually for the names of deadbeat parents reported by states to the Internal Revenue Service.

—Gives states any names found in the cross-matching and allows the states to determine whether wage withholding or "other enforcement actions"

should be taken.

—Gives the Department of Defense 180 days to study why military employees are such a problem. It requires recommendations concerning "additional administrative, regulatory and legislative improvements."

—Makes each agency appoint one person to handle child-support complaints.

—Requires agencies to inform current and incoming employees that the cross-matching is routinely done between state and federal records, and to tell employees how to begin voluntary wage withholding.

—Gives agencies 15 days to implement garnishment orders, instead of the current 30 days.

"Children should not suffer for their parents' mistakes," Clinton said in an Oval Office ceremony attended by advocates for women and children.

Clinton proposed a welfare reform plan last year that included a broad crackdown on deadbeat parents. The plan sought to streamline ways to establish paternity and to take

away the driving, professional and occupational licenses of deadbeat parents.

The House Ways and Means Committee is scheduled to vote this week on legislation that would reform child support enforcement as part of the GOP's larger plan to overhaul the nation's welfare system.

The draft legislation borrows heavily from the Clinton plan, and requires states to establish central registries of child support orders, and to collect support payments through a centralized collection unit.

The draft rejects a proposal by Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., to federalize the child-support system and establish the Internal Revenue Service as the nation's principle child-support collection agency. Hyde had argued that using the IRS would eliminate the difficulties of interstate collections.

One-third of child support cases involve absent parents who live in a different state than their children.

Business analysts see slower growth, lower interest

By John D. Mc Ginn
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After a high-flying 1994, the economy will slow so much this year that the Federal Reserve will begin lowering interest rates to avoid a recessionary crash, many top economic forecasters predict.

"There seems to be little doubt that the economy is slowing down," Maureen A. Haver, president of the National Association of Business Economists, said Monday.

"The big question is how smooth the transition will be," she told reporters in announcing results of the association's latest quarterly forecast survey. "Our NABE panel seems to see a smooth landing."

The consensus of the 48 forecasters surveyed earlier this month calls for economic growth to slow from 4 percent in 1994 — best in 10 years — to 2.4 percent by the end of this year and 2.2 percent by the end of 1996.

The consensus also sees the Fed raising short-term interest rates one more time early this year because of continuing

strong growth, then reversing course in the fall to avoid slowing the expansion so much that it causes a recession.

"It seems our panel has decided that once growth slows to below ... (2.5 percent), the Fed will not wait long to begin supplying the economy with additional liquidity," according to the survey summary. "Failure to do so might turn a growth recession into the real thing!"

The Fed has gradually doubled short-term rates to 6 percent, from 3 percent in February 1994, in an attempt to keep inflationary pressures from boiling over.

The NABE forecast calls for economic growth of 3 percent at an annual rate in the current quarter. "Then, starting in the second quarter, the panel expects growth between 2.15 percent and 2.5 percent for the next six quarters."

While forecasting a "smooth landing," Haver said, "we know that there's this possibility of wind shear and this landing may be a bit bumpier than we all anticipate."

"I think the biggest risk is the Fed continuing to tighten," she explained, saying the Mexican financial crisis and declining business investment and consumer spending are other hazards.

The forecasters believe much of the anticipated economic slowdown will be based in interest-sensitive sectors, such as automobile sales, capital spending and housing. They also see a sharp drop in inventory investment.

The NABE consensus predicts that inflation would remain moderate, rising from 2.7 percent in 1994 to 3.4 percent in 1995 and 3.6 percent in 1996. That would be little more than half the 6.1 percent inflation rate in 1990.

Although the forecasters believe the slower economy will keep inflation from boiling over, they expect it to cause a slight increase in unemployment. They see the jobless rate climbing to 5.7 percent in 1996 after falling to 5.5 percent this year from 6.1 percent in 1994.

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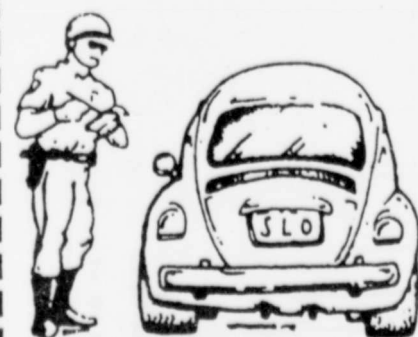


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Research with pregnant mice may aid therapy

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Scientists implanted a gene into mouse embryos by injecting it into the pregnant mothers, a surprising result that may someday let doctors treat genetic diseases in the womb.

Copies of the implanted gene remained active after the mice were born, researchers reported.

Experts said the technique may eventually provide a way to prevent serious damage done before birth by some genetic diseases. The conditions produce such results as blindness, mental retardation and disfiguring skull malformations.

"This broadens the horizons on the way in which we can use gene transfer to treat human disease," said Dr. Kenneth Culver, who until recently was head of the Human Gene Therapy Research Institute in Des Moines.

Dr. James Wilson, director of the Institute for Human Gene Therapy at the University of Pennsylvania, called the findings an exciting surprise.

The results are reported in the March issue of the journal *Nature Genetics* by researchers

at the National Cancer Center Research Institute in Tokyo and the Chiba University School of Medicine in Japan.

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One author, Dr. Masaaki Terada at the cancer center, cautioned in a telephone interview that he considered the prospects for treating human disease with the technique "a long, long shot."

The researchers selected a readily detectable gene, connected copies of it to microscopic fatty bubbles and injected the combination into tail veins of pregnant mice. The experiment was not aimed at treating any disease; scientists simply wanted to know whether the technique for implanting genes would work.

The genes were no longer detectable 14 months after the mice were born. They had remained separate from the set of genes that are passed on as

cells replace themselves.

Researchers found no evidence that mice given the gene before birth could later pass it on to their own offspring. That's encouraging because scientists don't want treatment of a patient to affect the genetic inheritance of future generations.

The technique was surprisingly efficient at implanting genes because of the way the placenta handled the fatty bubbles, said Dr. David Curiel, director of the gene therapy program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Culver said the technique might be used in animals to reveal how genetic flaws cause birth defects, and then eventually used to implant genes to prevent those defects in people.

When doctors are alerted by a family history of defects and do genetic testing, conditions such as dwarfism, disfiguring skull malformations and other skeletal problems might be preventable in the womb, said Richard Leavitt of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

"We'd be talking about a very substantial number of individuals (avoiding) very burdensome birth defects," Leavitt said.

that are dividing or growing.

"The only cells that are growing in the brain are the cancer cells," he said. "That means the cancer cells are infected, but not the others."

A report of the research is to be published Tuesday in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

The experiment used a mouse version of glioma. In humans, about 95 percent of all patients with gliomas die within five years, despite surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. These survival figures have not improved in 20 years. About 5,000 patients are diagnosed annually in the United States with gliomas.

It is this grim background, Gillespie said, that led him and his associates to search for novel ways of treating gliomas.

In the study, the researchers found that mice injected with glioma cells but not treated all died within 15 days. However, mice injected with the cancer cells, but treated with the altered herpes virus were able to survive for up to 40 days, depending on the dosages used.

Microscopic studies showed that the virus did attack the cancer cells, but did not cause an infection in the normal, healthy brain cells, he said.

Gillespie said much more research needs to be done before the technique could be tried on humans.

"We still have a lot of safety issues to address," he said.

For one thing, he said, several more genetic variations of the herpes virus need to be tested on mice to determine which is best

Gillespie said the studies showed that the altered virus will attack only cells in the brain that are dividing or growing.

for killing the cancer without causing infection. Then the technique will be tested on laboratory primates, such as monkeys.

Gillespie said it will take another year of research before the altered herpes virus could be tested in humans with brain tumors.

The altered virus used in the experiment was developed at the University of Chicago and the mouse experiments conducted at the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

Safety audit reveals keeping zoo tidy can be dangerous for keepers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Slippery stones, precarious perches and menacing beasts make for dangerous work at the Los Angeles Zoo, where a safety audit discovered zookeepers often find themselves in threatening situations.

Feeding and cleaning up after zoo animals entails scaling slippery rocks, balancing over moats and climbing into pens with dangerous animals without adequate barriers to separate them, the audit found.

"There have been times that I think that the animals could snap the lock and there I'd be. It's pretty scary because they are in your face and they could kill you," said zookeeper Marilyn Fackler-Gray.

Last year, an animal keeper was found lying unconscious in an exhibit with a rhinoceros roaming freely around her. A California Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspector found six safety violations in 1994.

"Except for the elephants' cages, virtually all other holding cages pose a hazard to employees as the animals are not totally restricted from movement," the Cal-OSHA report said. "The cages ... are in

dire need of safety upgrade for better animal movement restrictions."

A city safety audit released this month found the zoo continues to pose hazards, blaming the zoo's age and deferred maintenance for the problems.

"Some of the exhibits will have to be torn down because we just can't make them safe," said Charles Holbrook, the safety engineer who conducted the audit in response to the Cal-OSHA citations.

"They were built a long time ago," he said. "They must not have cared about employees in the old days; the exhibits certainly weren't designed with them in mind."

The audit expressed particular concern over the safety of keepers cleaning several exhibits. Gripping hoses and scaling slippery rocks, keepers routinely clean exhibits without restraints or protections.

In some instances, keepers must grasp onto rocks where "animals have previously defecated," the city safety report said.

The safety audit echoes concerns cited in a Feb. 15 report prepared by three outside zoo directors, who warned that deteriorating conditions could lead to the loss of accreditation.

Scientists used herpes virus to fight brain tumors in mice

By Paul Recer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a laboratory experiment on mice, researchers have shown that a genetically altered herpes virus is able to knock out brain cancer cells without affecting healthy cells.

The experiment raises the possibility of eventually treating one of the most lethal of human cancers, malignant glioma, by injecting patients with mutations of the herpes simplex virus, said Dr. C. Yancey Gillespie of the school of medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

"Herpes is normally a dangerous virus in the brain," Gillespie said Monday. But altering the genes of the virus, he said, causes it to pose no threat to normal brain cells.

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Rare bird feast ruffles some feathers

By Rick Hampson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Animal-rights advocates cried "Poor taste!" after a French chef roasted about 20 tiny rare birds and served them to diners who, following tradition, draped big napkins over their heads, held the creatures by their skulls and devoured them in one bite — beak, bones and all.

The crunching occurred Saturday at Le Cirque, the elegant East Side restaurant. The surprise dish was ortolan, a bird the French government tries to protect.

"It's like a fine wine," said one diner, Peter Kump. "It was the first time I'd tasted it, after hearing about it for years."

"It's fad dining," said Kathi Travers of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. "I'm no vegetarian, but what are we coming to when we have to eat these little things? What's wrong with chicken?"

The ortolan migrates between Africa and southwestern France, where it long has been served piping hot and eaten whole. The bird is not listed as endangered or threatened, but by the late 1970s its numbers were dropping so fast that French authorities cracked down on trapping and restricted sales in restaurants.

But ortolan trapping and eating have continued in rural areas; the birds, which weigh no more than a few ounces and are a couple of inches long, sell in restaurants in France for about \$50 each.

The Le Cirque diners said that they were told France had a brief ortolan hunting season, and

that Alain Ducasse of Monaco, the guest chef for the weekend, had purchased them legally for a private, invitation-only Saturday luncheon to mark Le Cirque's 20th anniversary.

Sirio Maccioni, Le Cirque's owner, said the bird had never been served in this country before, and Ducasse wanted to show how it was done.

"What a pain in the neck!" Maccioni said of the criticism.

"What shall we say next, that if we eat chicken we are discriminating against them?"

Ducasse could not be reached for comment Monday at his hotel.

So how did it taste?

"Many things happen at once," said Kump, who heads a prestigious cooking school in New York City. "There's a double set of complexities: Texturally, there's the crunch of the little bones, and the soft, juicy, liquidy texture of the rest of the bird. The taste ranges from very sweet — the meat — to slightly bitter."

Bitter? "Yes," he said. "The entrails."

The napkin is worn to contain the aroma of the freshly roasted bird, as well as to give the diner some protection "in case something squirts out," Kump said.

Roger Verge, one of several virtuoso chefs on hand, offered another explanation: "We eat it under the veil of the napkin so that God cannot see us eat the little bird."

Kump, however, was having none of that. For evidence of divine approval, he cited Genesis, in which God tells Adam: "Every living thing that moves will be yours to eat."

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Marines go ashore for last mission in Somalia

By Reid G. Miller
Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — The U.S. Marines came back to the beaches of Mogadishu on Monday, returning to protect the last U.N. peacekeepers evacuating from Somalia's chaos.

More than two years after their first landing — lit by the glare of television lights and broadcast live around the globe — the Marines came ashore again, this time to mop up the remains of a humanitarian mission that fed tens of thousands of starving Somalis but failed to bring stability.

During the day, a vanguard force of about 150 Marines landed by helicopter and Helicat air cushion vessels on a beach at the city's seaside airport, to set up a command headquarters and landing routes for the 2,000 other Marines and Italian soldiers following them.

Later, about 4 p.m. EST, Pentagon officials in Washington said the main U.S. Marine landing was taking place under cover of darkness.

The airport and nearby sea port are controlled by U.N. peacekeepers.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Scott Campbell said the Marines who went ashore Monday were part of a reconnaissance mission. He

said the main withdrawal operation had not yet begun.

Mogadishu was calm Monday, a day after warring Somali militias battled outside the main gate of the airport.

Commanders of the seven-nation U.S.-led forces do not expect a direct confrontation with Somali militia. Instead, the biggest threat may be from stray bullets, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades fired by the rival militias.

Stray rounds fell at the airport Sunday, and one Somali policeman was slightly wounded. "Yesterday was a typical Somalia day, a little shooting, but it wasn't aimed at us," said Army Col. John Latimer of Rock Hill, S.C., who has been in Mogadishu for five weeks as head of an advance team.

Another clan fight broke out Monday farther from the port and airport. Shots and explosions could be heard, but far fewer stray rounds appeared to be striking near U.S. and U.N. positions.

The United States and its Italian, French, British and Malaysian allies put together a force of 14,000 troops to protect the withdrawal of the last 2,400 Pakistani and Bangladeshi peacekeepers. The force has been on 32 ships off Somalia for more than a week, preparing for the

amphibious retreat.

The Pakistani and Bangladeshi peacekeepers are the last of a U.N. force that once numbered 38,000 from 21 nations.

American Marines first came to Somalia on Dec. 8, 1992, part of a military coalition sent to save the Horn of Africa nation from war and famine.

An estimated 350,000 Somalis had died, and the United Nations said a million more could perish if banditry and militia fighting were not halted so food could be delivered to the starving.

The United States and its allies largely completed that task, saving tens of thousands of lives. Washington turned over the humanitarian mission to the United Nations in March 1993 and the emphasis shifted to reconstruction, with the hope of establishing a democratic government.

That effort failed, mired in mismanagement and the intransigence of Somali warlords. The humanitarian effort degenerated into a low-grade war between clan militias and U.N. forces.

The United Nations leaves Somalia no closer to democracy than when it arrived. The country has been without a government since former dictator Mohamed Siad Barre was overthrown in January 1991.

Judge jails journalist for criticizing Cambodian leader

Associated Press

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — A journalist was sentenced Monday to a year in prison for publishing an article that criticized a Cambodian leader.

Dozens of people booed Judge Um Sarith, chief of Phnom Penh's municipal court, when he sentenced Chan Rattana, director of the Voice of Khmer Youth, and fined him \$2,000 for the article published Jan. 13.

The government has curbed press freedom since its election in 1993. It curtailed coverage of an attempted coup last July, and barred several French journalists from the country after they criticized the government.

The murders of several reporters who criticized the government have not been solved.

Um Sarith said Chan com-

mitted libel with the article, which called First Premier Prince Norodom Ranariddh a stupid dictator who was easily angered. The judge said it damaged public confidence in the government.

The commentary was accompanied by a cartoon of Second Prime Minister Hun Sen pointing a sword at Ranariddh, indicating he controlled the prime minister.

Chan insisted that the story and cartoon were opinion pieces and therefore legal to publish.

"My opinion shaped the cartoon and the article. ... It is not a news story," Chan said. His lawyer said he would appeal the sentence.

The Khmer Journalists Association issued a statement protesting the verdict as a violation of democracy and a free press.

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AGENDA: Pro-life and pro-choice advocates agree on little — except the strength of their views

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The most recent strike occurred Feb. 22 near Santa Cruz, where an apparent attacker threw three burning road flares on the Choice Medical Clinic's roof, slightly damaging the facility.

Other attacks have included those in Ventura and Santa Barbara, where tires filled with flammable liquid were used to set fires at the clinics. A tire was not used in the San Luis Obispo fire, but investigators have not excluded the possibility that the three fires are linked.

Planned Parenthood has temporarily relocated and is continuing to offer birth control services and appointments through a temporary Planned Parenthood office off of Toro Street, and medical services at General Hospital on Johnson Avenue. Abortions are being done through private physicians, according to Carlyn Christianson, director of San Luis Obispo's Planned Parenthood.

This unwillingness to halt services represents the nature of pro-choice activists' cause — they will not be deterred despite the attacks.

But pro-life activists are just as determined to promote their cause. They maintain that terrorist attacks are performed by extremists only, and do not represent the pro-life position.

In a press release distributed after the Feb. 15 fire, Jim Coles, executive director of the local pro-life group Central Coast Christian Action Council (CCCAC), pleaded, "Please do not include groups like ours with individuals who become part of

the ultimate problem by using violence."

Coles stood at the Farmer's Market table Thursday night, peacefully debating with two men about abortion.

He said he would gladly offer his viewpoints on Cal Poly's campus through a film he routinely presents on abortion. But Coles was reluctant to discuss abortion, saying he's been misquoted by the media before.

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Coles, along with Chair of San Luis Obispo Pro-Life Annette Skelton and Mary Altofer of Right to Life of Santa Maria, maintain that groups such as theirs do not condone the use of violence against clinics.

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NOW members and other pro-choice activists disagree.

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women as murderers — okay to destroy property," said Sharon Friedman, co-chair of San Luis Obispo's NOW chapter.

Sitting behind the table at the Farmer's Market with a pepper spray vile attached to her arm, she said all anti-choice activists should take equal responsibility for the violence. Friedman said she carries the pepper-spray in response to violence against pro-choice activists.

Cuesta student Leah Bauer stood next to Friedman, distributing literature and answering questions. "I take responsibility for what happens in my movement, and (anti-choice activists) don't," Bauer said.

Activists on both sides agree on little, and are unwavering in their views.

Yet several pro-life activists agreed that they want women to be more informed about abortion before they decide to have one.

According to Altofer, women often are not offered the opportunity to witness an ultrasound, and are thus unaware of the fetus' development.

She said women should first become aware of all facts about abortion. "Then, if they make the choice (to have an abortion), they've made an informed decision," Altofer said.

"I'm just as much for women's rights as others are," she said. "(But women should) be as informed about an abortion as (a student would be) about a test."

Friedman simply suggested that those who do not wish to have an abortion should not. This, she said, is the fundamental theory behind the right to choose.

Planned Parenthood's director

agreed.

"I certainly respect people's moral values — that abortion is wrong for (some) people," Christianson said. "But it's important to remember that not everybody agrees with that moral value."

Pro-lifers will not be able to persuade pro-choicers, and vice versa, Christianson said. "We should recognize that this is just a difference — there is no way to compromise on this. Until we can

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get to that point, we won't get anywhere."

Many pro-choice activists view the attacks as an effort to deny women the right to choose and to force pregnancy on women. If women are denied access to clinics, or if legislators put constraints on abortion, this will lead to unsafe abortions, they claim.

"I find this to be an assault on women's health care and birth control," Friedman said. She offered a flier reading, "Never Again!", which pictured a woman

slumped over, dead in a pool of blood. An unskilled abortionist abandoned her after unsuccessfully attempting to abort her fetus.

"We need to keep abortion safe and legal," Christianson said. "Keep elected officials responsible, and vote for (pro-choicers)."

Pro-lifers, of course, requested the opposite. Right to Life, among others, hands out fliers during elections which list pro-life candidates.

In addition, the pro-life groups are speaking out at schools and churches to educate the public about abortion.

Skelton said people need to keep educating themselves and keep talking about abortion. "The only way to change is to educate," she said.

The pro-life movement, Altofer said, has become more apparent in San Luis Obispo.

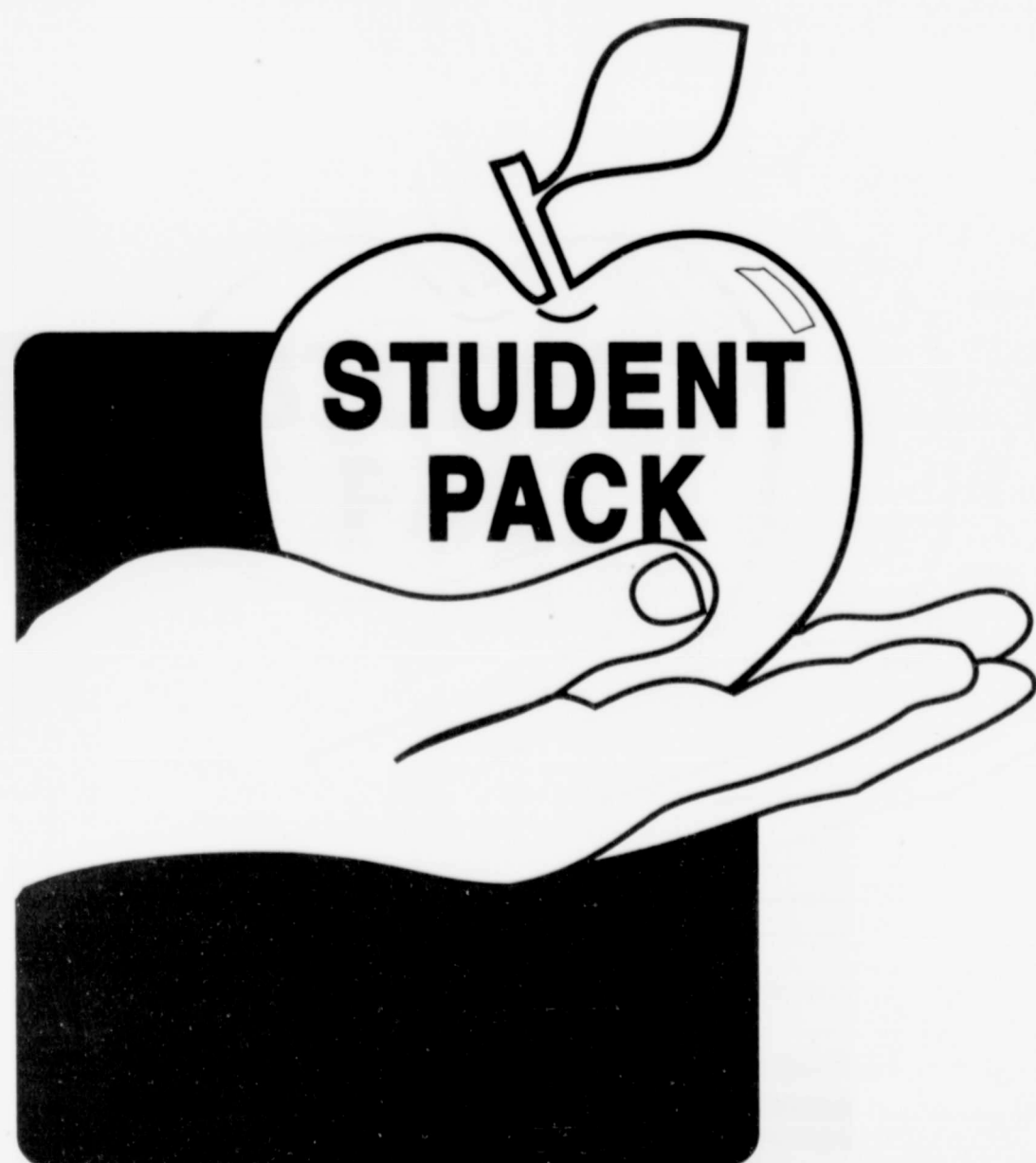
"(Pro-lifers) have become very organized and more involved in politics," she said. "We are making an effect — there are women having babies."

The greatest joy Altofer has drawn from her efforts has been knowing babies whom she has saved from abortion through her efforts at Right to Life.

Christianson said, however, that people are continuing to seek services, despite the scare of the fires and other violence.

Pro-choicers maintain that the decision should be left to women, regardless of whether the fertilized egg will grow into a human being. "The reality is that abortion comes about when a woman is faced with an unwanted pregnancy," Christianson said.

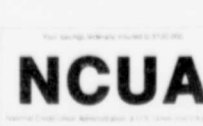
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